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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Benjamin J. Gillespie

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Continuation Sheet.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :6/17/2005, 9/19/2005, 10/5/2005, 4/4/2006, 11/15/2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

1. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The language "partly reacting" renders the claims indefinite because it is not clear what extent of a reaction satisfies the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lokai et al ('983). Lokai et al teach a radiation-curable urethane (meth)acrylate and the corresponding process for production (Abstract). The process consists of a) reacting trimethylolpropane, trimethylolethane, or pentaerythritol with (meth) acrylic acid in the presence of catalyst, polymerization inhibitor, and solvent that forms an azeotrope with water, wherein the polyol alkoxylated polyol has a range of ethoxylation between 1 and 30 (Col 2 lines 17-18, 61-62, 66-67, col 3 lines 9-12, col 4 lines 16-17, 50, and col 5 lines 18-20).
3. Regarding the removal of water, esterification reactions inherently possess the step of water removal in order for the reaction to continue. The product of step a) is then neutralized and has the solvent and excess acrylic acid removed by distillation (Col 5 lines 30-31, and 45-

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46). The purified reaction product is then b) reacted with bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, butanediol diglycidyl ether or pentaerythritol triglycidyl ether in the presence of appropriate catalysts with resulting OH and acid numbers between 40 and 150 mg KOH/g and less than 10 mg KOH/g respectively (Col 6 lines 1-2, 23-25, 34-35, 38-39, 49-50 and col 11 lines 41-43).

4. The reaction product from step b) is then reacted, in the presence of a catalyst, with polyisocyanate and a reactive diluent (Col 6 lines 61-63, col 7 lines 23-24, 31-33, col 8 lines 22-24). Specifically the polyisocyanate consists of hexamethylene diisocyanate and/or isophorone diisocyanate, and reactive diluents are the product of an esterification of acrylic acid and ethylene glycol, otherwise known as 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate (Col 8 lines 25, and 31-32). Finally Lokai et al teach wood coating compositions that comprise the radiation-curable urethane (meth)acrylate (Col 7 lines 64-65).

Note

5. The references crossed out on the Information Disclosure Statements dated June 17th 2005, and September 19th 2005 have not been considered no English translations were provided from the foreign non-patent literature.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reich ('191) teaches a radiation-curable coating comprising polyol, acrylic acid, epoxy compounds, and polyisocyanate in the presence of corresponding catalysts and azeotropic mixtures.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin J. Gillespie whose telephone number is 571-272-2472.

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The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-5:30pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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